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SUBJECT

Proposal of Mr. R. K. Venkatachar to establish public libraries in the State

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

'Education'

NOTES

File No 305-10

File Heading

Proposal of Mr. B K Venkatachar to establish public libraries in the State

From Mr. B K Venkatachar, Secunderabad

No Petn Dated 28/2/11 Received 3/3/11

Diary No 617 Enclos 1 Spare Copies Serial No 1

Brief Abstract of Letter

Submits copy of an open letter addressed to H H proposing establishment of State Libraries in Mysore and requests acknowledgement of the petition

NOTES AND ORDERS

Submitted for orders. The ~~newspapers~~ Mysore Times referred to in the petn are also put up. The two newspapers are not received in the Secty's. They may be examined in the Dewan's office.

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Notes—First sheet

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Serial No 2

From the Private Secy to H.H.

No 2319 28/8/11

Forwards for disposal a letter from Mr. B.K. Venkatachar on the subject

2 Dewan's order

Secretary

" Please work up in Consultation with Dy Sy of Edn and submit result through 2nd Councillor"

(Sd) T A R

3 Sent with a draft

Hm/org 33 15/8/11 Secy) 2nd Cr

Hm 17 3 "

1776

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Draft appd by 2nd Councillor 7 31 "

Sd

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Issue Kor 28/1-1

Please See

NOTE—Contn sheet

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Serial No 3

From Mr B K Venkatachar
Secunderabad

Letter dt 8/3/11

In continuation of his letter re- the opening of public libraries in the State, suggests that if the Govt be inclined to take up the question he may be granted a scholarship of Rs 40 a month to enable him to undergo training in the Baroda Library Class -

7 Secy's note
Dr IV

Let me see the latest Baroda Admr's Report on Report on Public Instn in Baroda if available

(Intd) C G B
15/3/11

8 Sent with a copy of the Baroda

Itn sheet

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Serial No

Home Report for 1908-09 which seems to be the latest report received here. The previous papers on the subject have been sent to the Secy on 18/7/11

Hm/ orig 33 24/7/11

To There is nothing relevant to the subject in the last published Report, however, there is a para at p 143, on libraries, Govt - Public & Private

Secy/ 23/7/

Another letter from Venkatachalam is under Orders

From B.K. Venkatachalam
Pleader 18/7/11

Submits opinions of ~~Customs~~ the Indian Daily Press on his open letter and requests early orders on his petns

" Secy's order

B.V. Patrup Reporter
Orders C.S.B
18/7/11

Hm/ orig 20/7/11

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To the Dept of Edn
No 8142 R 1/4/11
Forwards Mr Venkatachala Re
presentation for Report

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12 The opinion of the Dy Govt to be called for on this subject, in another file

25/3/11

13 Please put up the reports for 2 or 3 years also previous

28/3/11

14 Send with the previous year's reports

29/3/11

06-07 P 157
07-08 P 160
08-09 P 143

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29/3/11

15 Please get the paragraphs typed & placed in the file we may also write to the Baroda Resy to let us come of the detailed readers about these libraries

12/4/11

16 Typed copies are put up

b From the Dy Govt of Govt
No 8998/bg2 B 13/4/11
States that at present it is not feasible to open public libraries

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	as proposed by Mr. Venkatāchar and that if Govt. should, however, take kindly to the Scheme, it will be examined in detail
	17 Dated for orders
	Hm/ org 28/4/11
7	From the Privati Secy to H H No 2
	Forwards for disposal another letter from B.K Venkatāchar on the same subject
	18 Dewan's order
	"Secy"
	"Why not send a reply to Mr Venkatāchar soon"
	(Sd) T A R 28/4/11
	19 Secy's order
	"Dr W "Ego" Please put-

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up draft endorsement (Draft) C 8/3 28/4/11

20 Draft Order -

Hm/smg 33 28/4/11 Secy) 30/4/11

21 Order may also be passed accdg on the Dgl's report at 6 Secy) 30/4/11

22 The draft may be approved

As regards the general question some information is available in the published general admin reports issued by the Baroda Durbar The main idea of the scheme is that the State makes a grant-in-aid of libraries if local people come forward with subscriptions etc to maintain the institution The idea is a good one The Baroda Durbar may be written to for any printed papers giving a detailed account of the arrangements

23 I quite agree - 2/5/11

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This marked one 2nd C+ Dewan 12 pencil

C8/3 1/5/11

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(1) General and Revenue Secretariat

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25	Issue
26	Draft to Resy for copy papers
9	To Mr B V Venkata Chari No 9632 B 22/5/11 States that his request for a scholarship and subsequent employment in the State Council be sanctioned
27	Draft to Residency is Sent
	Issue
10	To the First Asst Resident No R 10474 B 30/5/11 Requests that information about the

Draft very meagre — Refer to portions of Baroda Admn Report regarding which we would like to be fully supplied etc — [illegible]

Draft amplified & Sent

NOTE—Contn sheet

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establishment of public libraries in Baroda may be obtained for the use of the Durbar.

11 From the Private Secy to H H

No 239 R 1877/11

Forwards another petn from Mr B K Venkatachar appealing against the Govt order declining to sanction his Request for a scholarship to get himself trained in the Baroda Central Library and subsequent employment in the State for opening public libraries & praying that his Request may be granted

19 Subd for orders

hm 20 31/7/11

Secy

Rm 1/8/11

20 The petitioner seems to be misrepresenting the attitude of Govt ~~Hon Sec~~ The suggestion that libraries should be established on the Baroda model is no doubt a good one

Note—Contn sheet

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and is engaging the attention of Govt We have requested the Residency to obtain for us certain papers from the Baroda Durbar on receipt of those papers the subject can be gone into in detail

41) To this general suggestion the petitioner tacked on certain personal requests for a scholarship for himself & for subsequent employment in the State If these requests had Govt have declined to consider now ~~if this~~ if the petn makes it appear that Govt are unfavorable to the general scheme itself If I recollect aright one of the Bombay papers (the Indian Social Reformer) expressed a hope that the petitioners wish to cooperate with Govt in establishing these libraries was to act the part of an Andrew Carnegie !

42) Without further consideration of details it is obviously unnecessary & undesirable to grant the petn a scholarship to study in a library class in Baroda

NOTE—Continue sheet

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43 It would probably mend matters if the ~~position of the petr~~ prayer of the petr for employment & the Endorsement from whom are placed at the disposal of the Petr.

2nd Cl + Dewan

44 The petitioner is like one 2/8/4 of ~~the persons~~ who ~~are~~ happen to discover that the sun is pleasantly warm after a cold night, would proclaim to the world his valuable discovery and expect every one to applaud him for his ~~valuable discovery~~ originality The utility of Public Libraries may be a subject on which little difference of opinion exists & it is impertinent of this person to consider that merely because he writes to some papers a workable scheme cannot be evolved in Mysore without his patriotic disinterested help

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45 He may be told that the subject will receive attention on its own merits independently & that his services are not required. No further notice seems necessary

5/8/11

46 Put up an endt

7/8/11

47 Draft Endtd

8/8/11 sent)

8/8/11

Dewan

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19/8/11

19/8/11

Draft approved by Dewan 27/10/11 (Petition No 13947) 18th October received from the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja on the same subject ~~enclosed~~ placed on the file)

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Serial No 13A

From the Prvate Secy to His Highness
no 1394 dy 18. 10 11

forwards a reminder letter dy 7 10 11
from B K Venkatachar

Dewan's order —

'H S Has not yet an answer gone to Petr yet

Id J A R
26 10 11

'Refers'

Id K. M.
20.10 11

'Files submd'

Id B V L
24 10 11

'To the Secy

'Please see addition to draft ent in the original file'

Id K M

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General and Revenue Secretariat

Edn File No 303 of 1910

Serial No	
	Issue
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	wanted
14	To the Secy no 3263 dy 4 11 11 Informs that the subject of establishing public libraries will receive attention on its own merits independently and that his services are not required by Govt

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Secunderabad
the 28th Feb 1911

To

C S Balasundaram Iyer Esqr B.A.B.L.
Chief Secretary to Govt of H.H. the
Maharajah of Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith
copy of an Open Letter to H.H. Maharajah
of Mysore G.C.S.I. re the Introduction of
State Libraries in Mysore. Sent to His
Highness through the Private Secretary, for
your information. Re. This Open Letter
I beg leave to refer you to the Editorial
Comments made by the following Dailies
Weeklies of Madras Mysore & Bombay

Indian Social Reformer of Bombay	19th February/March 1911	Page 291
Indian Patriot of Madras	23rd February 1911	7
Mysore Times	22nd February 1911	4
—do—	25th	4

May I request the favour of an
early acknowledgment of the receipt

the receipt of this letter and the
enclosed for which I shall be
highly obliged

I have to remain
Sir
Your most obedient servant

B. K Venkata Char
S.C. Rly audit office

Please address:
C/o B. Krishna Iyengar
Collector
Secunderabad

I n on ctor to H.H. t o Maharaja of Mysore. . . .

Introduction of tute Liberties in Mysore

of it I beg to your Highness.

The three Premier Indian states under t'e direct and personal rule of Indian Rulers and whose affairs loom very largely in the eyes of the public and the Govt of India are the three states of Jammu under the rule of the Nizam, Mysore under t'e Maharajah and Baroda under the Gaekwar. o these states also e have to add a number of Premier states under the existing political constitution of India but not solely so to the size and rank of the states but partly also in the consolidation of the mighty British Empire due to the substantial aid they so nobly rendered to the British Crown also to the personality and ability of the Rulers in the efficient and personal administration of their states. t is difficult to give any sum of colour as to Local State to any one of these states for each state has its own peculiarities in the collection and realisation of its revenue and to that end these states may truly be equal and in actual existence to combat states of different capacities according to their.

itizens of British India and particularly to subjects of these states who by familiarity to the rulers of these states have come to look upon the rulers as their loving and loyal subjects and endeavour themselves to the whole by their character the sympathy, and the courtesy, and liberal and public spirit of the rulers to assist in the successful administration of their states with the timely advice of the able representatives of the Imperial Government their appointment of these rulers is not exclusively confined to their states but extends to the whole of India. Witness for instance the Hon'ble Sir Sankaran Nair who was given to the Treasurership of Travancore state. Sir Sankaran Nair's solicitude concerning the welfare of Mysore and to whose fault in the early of Hyderabad, partly caused state by the disastrous effects of the 1908 floods.

Colonel of these states that is now serving to their states as Indian subjects specially attached to the Govt of India.

[illegible] number of the states in education. Educational [illegible] and non-officials are expected to get [illegible] at Allahabad under the presidency of the education minister to the Govt of India on the many knotty problems of the topic of education.

[illegible] among the royal visitors to the Allahabad exhibition [illegible] of Europe to [illegible] to leave [illegible] requiring to [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] to see for himself what progress [illegible] activities [illegible] to the prosperity [illegible] Prince [illegible] to give if possible [illegible] to the country. [illegible] of the [illegible] public-spirited citizens of Allahabad [illegible] to the Government [illegible] to [illegible] according to [illegible] of the states. [illegible] of [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible] the question of the role of education [illegible] attempt [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] to the responsible administration of the [illegible] to carry out his [illegible] to [illegible] of [illegible]. I take the liberty to quote [illegible] to the [illegible] of the letter.

[illegible] other fact [illegible] to bring to your notice is that education practically [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] education for everybody and [illegible] the local Govt is trying to [illegible] its cultivators [illegible] better [illegible] and improvements [illegible] the people to [illegible] the people do not [illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible] this [illegible] of education [illegible] the [illegible] of education [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of education is very [illegible]. I [illegible]

"...ave ... grow ... obvious that ... not ... must be ...
"...ere ... you have no error ... your ... education"
"of libraries ... that ... you have ... that have ... promotes ... advisory"
"education ... I can say that it is progressing as well as it can or as"
"it could. There are great difficulties of course the greatest ... of"
"... perhaps ... but all difficulties are in ... merely"
"that we may get over them. All ... difficulty ... that the effect"
"of ... short ... is not likely to last ... have started institu-"
"tions to remove that also ... many libraries have been formed"
"libraries ... considered as ... that it is ... the"
"duties of the state to maintain ... libraries. The libraries ... further"
"number ... their ... will increase ... to ... the"
"... to ... to afford ... only to ... could ... ti-"
"tutions. ... the institutions are ... little education given"
"will be ... only. These are the ... why I ... to ... not"
"realise it ... not be because ... to ... but"
"because ... are ... ties ..."

...stimates ... to write this letter is to observe ... fact that
... about to institute ... of several ... these ... reforms could be ... in the matter of state libraries ... people
can be ... all facilities to ... education ... service
will be of ... to them in their daily vocations. I believe
trust that efforts are ... to ... of education to reach the masses. It is also of paramount ... these ... it is
one of ... of a state that ... to ... its ... primary education. It may ... to ... to ...
... to justify ... establishment of state libraries ... every
... decision ... be made by starting state
... in the libraries ... quarters ... out ... the ...
There is only ... public state library in the old ... provinces ...
that is ... capital ... to ... highly ... to ...
... four, most ... it ... of ... state
state libraries if established in the ... quarters will ... of
Bureau of information on agricultural, ... matters to the ... agriculturists ... to ... to ...
... of ... state ...

[illegible] it would [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] like that Ryots to
[illegible] to it to [illegible] of all Govt proc[illegible] and [illegible]
to like the Ryots [illegible] very glad to collect any communication that will
[illegible] therefrom the [illegible] and books to their illiterate
brethren and [illegible] carefully examine out in the interests of the
latter to which [illegible] above [illegible] present state of [illegible].
[illegible] in the offer [illegible] to [illegible] the question of start
libraries in [illegible]. There is very much to be [illegible] the
executive [illegible] by the [illegible] to which we object
[illegible] to the [illegible] tutelage [illegible]. The institution
of start libraries [illegible] the Govt could increase [illegible] to the
success of the [illegible] to be started in the [illegible] or to the
very active, vigorous [illegible] the [illegible] of the
[illegible] and without which [illegible] object [illegible] would be in its
[illegible] practical realisation for the [illegible] to institute tutelage [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Govt could [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may be done to start start libraries in the
[illegible] towns [illegible] all this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
successful the [illegible] start [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will
[illegible] [illegible].

The above [illegible] is respectfully submitted in favour of
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], successful, useful and [illegible] practical
[illegible] to the writer of this letter and Myself [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out
at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with the advice of
[illegible] [illegible] and Councillors [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] practical effect to
the above [illegible]. If the Govt [illegible] approve of the [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] of start libraries, the writer of
the letter is quite willing to [illegible] his services at the [illegible] of the
Govt and will [illegible] it a great personal favour [illegible] if [illegible]
[illegible] associate himself with the Govt in [illegible] out [illegible] for the
[illegible] of the libraries in Mysore.

[illegible]
[illegible].

B K Venkata Char
M G S Rly Audit
Officer

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

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B K Venkata Char
N G S Rly Audit Office

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No 2780

Secunderabad

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To P Edn 308-10 8 3 1911 22

Lewis J Ananda Roa Esquire B a C I E

Sir Brit

Letter re the late Dewan of Mysore

In Continuation of my last letter of the 4th inst enclosing the open letter I beg to forward hereunth for your information copy of a letter received from the Director of State libraries Baroda in reply to my application for a scholarship and a seat in the Baroda Library class sent prior to my forwarding the Open Letter to H H Maharajah of Mysore

I beg to draw your attention to the latest Press opinion on this question in the Hindu of 6th March 1911

Should the Govt of Mysore be inclined to take up this question I beg leave to suggest that as a first step the Govt may be pleased to grant me a Scholarship of 40/Rs per month as stated in my first letter to enable me to Join the Baroda Library class so that

timely advantage may be taken of the offer made by the Director of State Libraries Baroda to take me as a Volunteer to the library class

May I therefore earnestly request you to give your prompt & kind consideration to this question and to my request and kindly favour me with an early reply for which act of kindness I shall be highly obliged

Begging to be excused for the trouble

I remain
your most obedient servant
B K Venkata Char
(Jr G S. Ry audit office)

Please address—

C/o
B Krishnaiyengar Esqr
Solicitor
Secunderabad
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Central Library

Baroda, 4-3-'11

No 317 of 1910-1911

Memo -

With reference to his candidature for schloarship in the Library class, Mr B V Venkata Char is informed that this year the size of the class being limited he was not fortunate enough to be awarded a schloarship

When the next year's class is opened he will be notified and upon a fresh application being sent his case will receive special consideration

However if he is anxious to learn the work this year, he may offer himself as a volunteer without any schloarship Volunteers are not obliged to bind themselves to serve the state after graduation

Signed/----

for Director of State Libraries

To,

Mr B V, Venkata Char,

Secunderabad

No 2785

Secunderabad
13th March 1911

To

Edn 808-10
Sl (4) & 54 2

Private

Britto Ananda Row Esqre B A C E
Dewan of Mysore

Sir

I believe you are in receipt of my two letters of 4th & 8th inst

I beg to forward herewith a copy of the Opinions of the Indian Press on my Open Letter to His Highness received up to date

May I request you to kindly let me know if the Govt of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore contemplate taking any action in this matter

The favour of an early reply is earnestly requested

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedt servant
B K Venkatachar
(B A C E Madras)

Please address -
C/o
B Krishnaswamy Esq
Solicitor
Secunderabad

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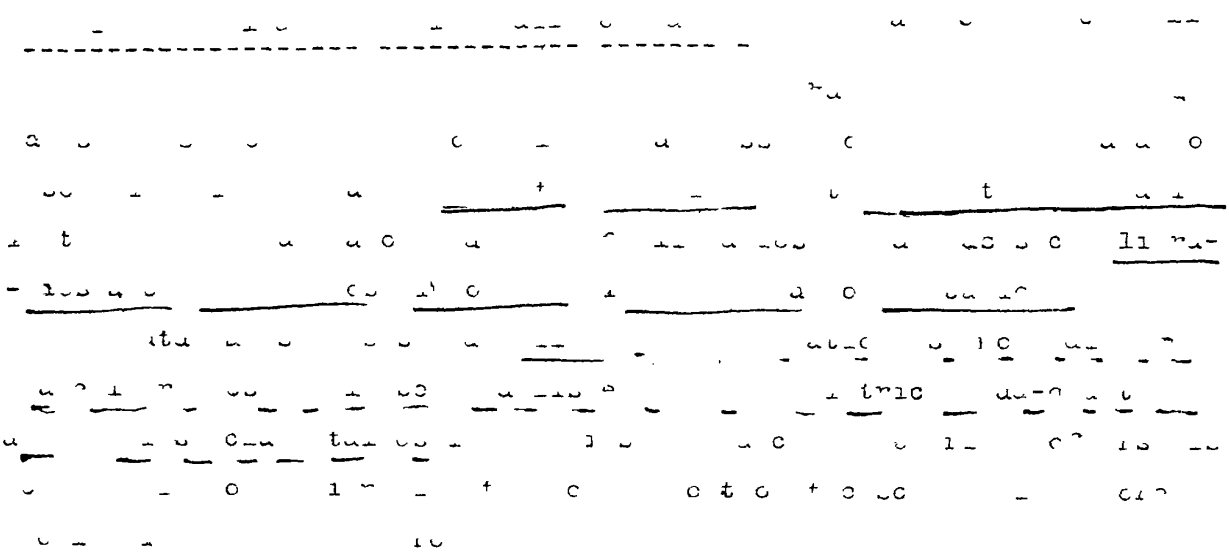

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GOVERNMENT OF H H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Education

Office Memorandum

To The Dept of Edn in Mysore

the 1-12-1911

To be kindly returned. The accompanying memorial from Mr B V Venkatachar, N G S Railway Audit office, Submitting an open letter addressed to H H the Maharaja regarding the Instruction of State Retrenches in Mysore, is forwarded to the Dept of Edn for favor of an early Report expression of his opinion

By order

for Secy

27/3/11

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE

No 8998 / 692

Bangalore 13th April 1911

Edn 305-10-6

From

~~J WEIR Esq M A~~

The *Inspector General of Education in Mysore*

To

C S Balasundaram Iyer, Esq , B A ,

Offg Secretary to the Government of H H the Maharaja

of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore

SIR

With reference to your office memorandum No 8142 / Edn 305-10-5 dated the 1st April 1911 forwarding for the Inspector General's opinion a memorial from Mr B V Venkatachar, N G S Railway Audit office, regarding the institution of State Libraries in Mysore, I have the honour to inform you that at present it is infeasible to open such libraries The petitioner has been so informed in reply to his petition to this office If the Government should however, take kindly to the scheme, it will be examined in detail The petition is returned herewith

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S Krishnaswami Aiyangar

For Inspector General

T N R

No

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

DATED, Fern Hill, 26-4- 1911

Petition No 1370 dated 17-3-11 from Mr B K Venkata Char, C/O Mr B Krishna Iyengar, Solicitor, Secunderabad, is forwarded with compliments to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of disposal

By Order

ICS

Secunderabad
13 3 -1911

To

The Private Secretary (137.0 3-2
to H H the Maharajah of Mys...
Mysore

Dewan Rec 16/3
Sir

From the postal acknowledgement received I understand that my letter of 25th Feb 3/11 and two letters for His Highness, has been received by you

May I request you to kindly let me know if the two letters have since been submitted to His Highness the Maharajah for favour of His Highness kind perusal & Consideration

a Copy of the opinions of the India Press on my Open Letter to His Highness received up to date is herewith enclosed for your information

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedt servt
B K Venkata Char
(N G S Rly audit office

Please address —
C/o
B Krishna Iyengar
Solicitor
Secunderabad

Opinions of the Indian press on Mr D Venkatachar's
ren Letter to His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, C I
re Introduction of State Libraries in Mysore

The Indian Social Reformer(a Bombay weekly) under date 10th February 191

Mr D Venkatachar sends us from Secunderabad a long letter addressed to His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore suggesting the introduction of public libraries in the state. His Highness approves of the suggestion and the author is quite willing to place his services at the disposal of the Govt and will deem it a great personal favour and honour if he is allowed to associate himself with the Govt in working out a scheme for the introduction of State libraries in Mysore. Our correspondent leaves it doubtful whether he is going to associate with the Govt in the project or whether it would be more suitable to stimulate private enterprise

The Mysore Times(a bi-weekly of Bangalore) under date 23rd February191

We understand that Mr D Venkatachar of Secunderabad has addressed a letter to the Maharajah of Mysore suggesting the opening of public libraries in the state. We do not know whether he means to keep the Govt. entirely or partly responsible for his proposal. The number of public libraries in the state attached to schools and colleges is large. None of these is accessible to the general public. While the literature fit for the consumption of the bulk of our people is limited, yet that little of it is more, is beyond the reach of the poor. Out of all the vernacular books published in the country instruct and interest our children class cannot cost more than a couple of hundred rupees. If a village is provided with a public library where these books and the current periodical literature are made available it will be a very valuable factor in the diffusion of general enlightenment and culture among our people. We hope our Govt will be induced to give their early consideration to the matter and accept all private help to organising these useful institutions to the public

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The Indian atriot (a eekly as ily) u der date 23rd e ruar 1911

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ra i on t e ub ect of o ening state libraries i ysore in e
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ole o ysore rova e ic is reco re o ay ig a ucate
peo le an I fear ost ou ated e e le vas it a cy oul a ear of
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Mr Venkatachar suggests that till primary education is more diffused
state libraries should be established in every District Head-quarters
and in first class taluqs in the first instance The writer offers his
services in connection with the working out of the scheme in Mysore
should his scheme be approved

Secunderabad
1st May 1911

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I Ananda Roa Esqure BA CIE
Dewan of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

In drawing your special and very kind attn to my letters of 4th march '11, 8th 13th & 24th March 1911 beg leave to inform you that the Private Secretary to H H the Maharajah of Mysore in reply to my apn to His Highness re the Introduction of State Library in Mysore", vide his letter no 1370 of 27 4 '11 writes to me as follows —

Mr BK Venkatachar is informed with reference to his letter of 17th inst that his petition of 13 3 '11 has been transferred for disposal to the Dewan of Mysore, to whom all further communications on the subject should be addressed

By order
Sd/ R H Campbell ICS
Private Secretary

The Senior Councillor Mr K P Puttana Chetty has also been kind enough to write to me re "My Open Letter to His Highness" that the matter will receive his best attention when it comes before him

him in due Course

Now that the matter has been referred to you may I earnestly request you to kindly go through my papers and I need not add that I shall be extremely grateful to you if you will kindly consider the question favorably and favour me with your very kind reply

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient servt
B K Venkata Char
(A G S Ry audit office)

Please address:—

C/o B Krishna Iyengar Esqr
Solicitor
Secunderabad. Deccan

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General and Revenue Secretariat

(Education)

Office Memorandum

To Mr B K Venkatachar, C/o, Mr B Krishna Iyengar, Solicitor, 225 the 1911 Secunderabad

With reference to his memorial dt the 25th February 1911 addressed to H H the Maharaja of Mysore enclosing an open letter to His Highness regarding the ~~introduction~~ opening of State Libraries in Mysore and praying that he may be sent to join the Library class at Baroda for one year or more with a scholarship of Rs 40 per to get himself trained there with a view to the institution

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No 239 Dated Bangalore 18-7- 1911

197 Petition No 380 dated 8th July 1911, from B K Venkatachar, C/O LR Krishna Iyengar, Solicitor Secunderabad, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore, in continuation of this office o 2319 dated 8-7-11

By Order

For Private Secretary

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8 JULY 1911

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To,

His Highness Sri Maharajah Krishna Rajah Wadeyar Bah
GCS

Mysore

May it please Your Highness

I most hurbly and respectfully beg your Highness gracious and kind indulgence and leave to bring the following few facts to your Highness magranimous consideration with the pious and fervent hope that your Highness may be pleased to take a favorable view of my humbl and modest suggestion of opening State Libraries throughout the Province

Before I proceed with this my appeal I must in duty bound beg your Highne pardon for reopening this question which has been decided by your Highness Goverment and I should and would not have certainly done so but for your Highness' most remarkable and statesmanlike views on the diffusion of Educa expressed by your Highness at the opening of the Mysore Economic Conferenc and it is this fact which emboldens and encourages me to address your Hig once again

About the 25th February 1911 I addressed an Open Letter to your Highness through the Private Secretary to your Highness suggesting the opening of State Libraries in your Highness Province after the fashion of Baroda State Libraries instituted by H H the Gaekwar Copies of the Open Letter" were also sent to your Highness Dewan and Councillors and to the Indian Press The subject matter of the "Open Letter was favorably recei by the Indian Dailies of Madras and the Mysore Times(copies of the Press extracts were also submitted to the Dewan and the Private Secretary)

Mysore and State Libraries

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HINDU

Sir — I w f th l d t ct d th o ghly stat thank utt e of H H th M ha j h of Mysore t t p g of th w E m c C f ue n the q t f d t d ts n ecessary dj t th d c n of H Highn s Gr n t xp g bl ty t n t my o op g t t L b s ll th t f d em at of t d k wl dg t th ge ite t bj t a d th gl th m to th d af d b th m t be m what d pp t g O q t l k th the p bl to p d n the me me t h ld h f ed the m tte to H Hugh p l d at n d m e pec all wh the t d f H s H gh s ews e the d t s d c t d by h s loq t addres — Ed t th gn r m dy fo d n l a d m h h b do by my Govern t e e t y by g g c d grant d th w e to a p e d k wled a d awal tl t ll g ce f the p opl H H gh e s ys we h v o ly to follow the m th d a d ampl t by th pe pl who h e tt d h gh deg ee of ffi cy and th s mo th co fi m th v w that I x presse l bef e viz th t f the qu t o of op g of St te Lib s h d b n ef d to H s H gh ne w uld hav gl dly t cted h G ver m t to f llow th pl t by the Ba d G m t I th co t I t ke the lib ty t q t tl t p t of H H th G kw mem bl p h t All h b dc g l b wh h th — W ll a th d ffi lty w s that tl ff t f a h t d c t n w s not l k ly t la t l ng W h t t d tit t to re mo th t l o a d m y l b a s ha b f d ed U l h t t t e sp d tl l ttf edu t n e w l h th w w y I m t y g to do J Ba d B t b d them s m th g hke l b c l o b e t bl sh d v ll g whe e m m t c t lk ab t h d a I th l ght of tl p o f h p p l a d y mp hetic Rul H H th G kw d H Hjgl. f My r t wh m th w lf l i te est f th p pl alway t aud le t t tL h t t s h j d th t th Gove pme t of My o w ll d t t k g ly d prompt m to g f to H Hgh e s s v w of p d g k wl d e d w k th ll g c f the pe pl ty g St te L b th o gh t the Pro I w l d tl l tt w tl two t t f m my O L tt to H H th M ha j h fMy d I r ly h p d tr t th t tl q t w ll b n fully d l w th t m p p l a mblv tl R p t t ve As mblv wl ch m t e y ye d tl Du r h (1) St te l b s it t bl h d all the D t t H ad Q t s w ll ac a nt s f Bu u f nf rm t g cultu al hyg ical nd d t l m t ers to the l t te g ultu s wl o often go to the h ad quarters to transact offic al and pr vate b s ss. (2) The e s noth r con de ation to ju t fy the t od ct n of Stat L b ar e Mysore ha every reason to b p oud of t Repre entat ve A mby because t was the fi st St te to set an x ample to the oth St te n th s ght d ect o Th t t t o of St te l b a i s will co d r bly a gm nt the l bo s of the rep s ntative members a d will p r them o to t ke a very ct ve v go u nd mo e ful pa t n the deliber tions of the ual Duse h gathe g

B K VENKATACHAR.

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My Voyage to England

MR G SRINIVASA RAO B A of Mad ra w tes to from L d n und r d te the 9th nstant —

My l t mmu c t to you was from Ma se l l s o a I w s pp o h it. The *Polynesian* a h d Ma ll s t m d ght. The ce e as we l ft the steam d g t n l nd i th m g was v ry nj yable o e Th t ve w re n a diffe e t p t of the w ld wa cl se on th fa e of it If Thom C k s m h d not t n d up a d taken s on hand we should h felt o r po ition rath r e abl He n e took to b g luggag s t the R lway Sta o i th e en ng after pa ing th m th o gh th exami ation of the Customs House Office s t ok all our keys f om us put us in a cab and t us ff to Cook s office U til 9 A M w could meet n e the e but the w te a d shed the cl k d the ffice s turned p They gave us guide who k ew E gli h at 10 A M. He took us th d the c ty d l owed s the Museum and the C th d l o th M u t t wh h cess w s ga ed by a pl a a t l ft Both were u q e bu ld ngs of great gr ndeur e tabl hing the ch nge from Asia to Eu ope The gu de s time was l m ted only to two hou s nd a h lf As t n o t he b ought us back to Cook ffice and we t away Unt l the hour came to get into the t we hifted fo our elves The broad streets w th m y stor ed ho se on e th r de of th m the xte s ve all ys in the centre of the street with h h grown avenue trees enclo ng them the va ety of epen ba s w th h aps of crotons pl t flowe s, r ts d wh t ot a ranged in th m t tefully the lady s ll s ta ding am dst them and n ti g the p se by to pu ch se ta m the m ll yet n cely bu lt wooden buffets laden w th ed bles of all k nds with the ce t al figu e of a cha m g woman ve d g th m the fr quent stalls fl d w th all v ties of dr ks—hot and cold—available i them the o d ly c owds of p ple walki g fast a f ch is flyi g fo h s l fe w tho t a y concer of the numbe le s motor ca s, elect ic t ams which n inc ntly with t clash ng with one another alo gside with pr vate ho e drawi conv yances the ead s w th which all are kep n d the cont ol of the mag fice t Pol ce officer who grace the whole th g by their almost omni prese t p esenc i all im g abl places and cor e s and th will g nd re dy h lp the Polic re der to all peopl —spec ally to st a gers the wea and the fi m— e s e s wh h we saw wherev

which they are kept is simply charming We dropped into one of them The waiters (generally women) did not understand English and we knew not French and none was available to interpret between the two By signs and gestures, we made ourselves understood and had a pleasant hot bath We took the food we had carried with us and travelled straight to London where we arrived on the evening of the 10th of May

The next day we made our way to the place which had been engaged for us by Mrs Annie Besant in house No 39 Fellows Road north west Hampstead This is a very fine and healthy part of London —resembling Nungambakam or Tondiarpet in Madras It is a house that was recently been started by Mrs White for the benefit of the Indians who are purely vegetarians and teatotallers Miss Sherman is the lady in charge of it She is very kind and polite and is just the sort of person to take good care of the youngsters who go to foreign parts from distant lands free from the control of parents and elders for the sake of education The institution is a very useful one and richly deserves the encouragement of all Indians The larger the number that goes to it the cheaper it can be made and the more beneficial it will become There are half a dozen law students belonging to Upper India in the house and the way in which they live and pursue their studies is very encouraging

To catch the post to day it is impossible to attempt at an adequate description of all we have been seeing and enjoying in London since we arrived here The weather has been nice and agreeable The English people—specially the middle classes are very good natured They are very kind and polite to the Indian Their love for justice and fair play can best be seen and learnt only in their mother country They are in full sympathy with the legitimate aims and aspirations of India The Indians shall not be wrong if they rely upon the English people in England for the redress of all their grievances which ought to be ventilated freely and fearlessly and carried to their very doors by organized bodies both in England and in India However much the same might be done in writing and on paper nothing to my mind will serve our purpose quite so well as the fully equipped and ma urely trained Indians going to England in larger numbers in and out of season and getting into closer and closer touch with the Englishmen It is only then that the still prevalent idea that the people of India are boors will vanish and better days will dawn for India

Last week we saw Edinburgh Glasgow, Belfast Dublin Liverpool and Manchester and next week we mean to go to the other important cities of England

The work which Co operative Societies are doing is simply admirable India has to copy it wholesale by degrees

For want of time we are forced to give up our intinental trip

To day at 11 30 A M we shall be presented to His Most Gracious Majesty the King Emperor during the *levee* to be held in St James Palace

After the Coronation on the 22nd we propose leaving London about the 25th We shall stay 4

the French steamer *Tourane* on the 2nd of With the blessings of God we shall Colombo on the 18th of July We mean to Rameshvaram and Dhanushkoti by sea returning to Madura

Malabar Notes

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

WEATHER

CALICUT *June* 25 —For the last few days e ing Thursday last we were not able to see t owing to the cloudy weather accompanied rents of rain Malabar has been literally f and distressing reports are reaching us from part of the District The ex essive rain has damages to standing crops in several places a so-called scarcity season viz *mithunam* and *dakam* has already began Yesterday saw a c for better in the weather The outburst Monsoon was on the whole unsually sever it is impossible at present to estimate the of damage it has done

CORONATION DAY

Coronation day was celebrated throu Malabar by ev ry communities and in places the day was made a real *gala* day happy coincidence the day dawned with a weather

CRIME

The Pariah who was charged before the arv Magistrate of Cannanore with the of unnaturally behaving towards a European 8 years was found guilty and was sen to 3 months rigorous imprisonment bodies of a Cheruma woman and her child were recently found in a tan Ponani and the Police has in connection wit ease arrested a Mohamedan A Thiyya fa Quilandy is said to have murdered two children with a razor the alleged strange being that the boys showed insubordination wishes A village peon of Talaparamba who a ed sometime back with the Government coll has been traced to Benares and arrested

Pudukottah Notes.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

OFFICIAL

PUDUKOTTAH, *June* 24 —The Dewan has re from Delhi after making preliminary arrang there with regard to the Coronation Durbar

THE MANOOARTHI JAGHIRE

This Jaghire was working as a separate I ment and the income from which went to the purse of His Highness has been ordered amalgamated with the State A consolidated ance of Rs 12 000 more will be added Privy purse of His Highness annually

JUDICIAL

A sensational case of criminal breach of tr the Branch Post master of Annavasal has it is alleged misappropriated nearly a th

VIZAG CONFERENCES

SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

Vizianagram June 4.—Messrs V V Ayya and Th Lakshmi Narasimham delegates elected to the Industrial and Social Conferences arrived here yesterday were accorded a good reception at the railway station and were driven to the delegates camp in a Grand Procession.

The fourth Vizagapatam District Social Conference met this morning shortly at 7 15 a m The proceedings commenced with the speech of Mr B Seshayya M A Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Fourth Vizagapatam District Conference He in welcoming the delegates said that though he contemplated an address by him unnecessary he thought to read one as it may be of some use to touched upon the principles of social reform the conditions of social reform in the district the questions of inter marriage and dependent classes and the need for our young men to band together such unions into a form before they are engaged in the complex situations of life and induce an easy passage Speaking on the Female Education he quoted with interest from reports of two local Ladies Associations and urged that Government should be approached to arrange such courses of training for girls of all classes in order to prepare women workers Mr Narasapur Female Education after examination and such other examinations Speaking of the elevation of professional position explained the object of the agitation and appealed for the sympathy of the audience in their efforts which help these women to get married in their different ways He asked that all co operate for the women of the future class themselves honour the society public opinion among them should be strengthened in favour of marriage

Any hesitation in the matter he said was really prompted by selfish animal mind he put it to those who entertained them to be bold enough to free themselves fully from them rather than help their moral decline He said that social reformers were not going in for any change but to meet the arguments of those who say they that reform must be loyal to the land and must follow national lines Other point his view was that all reforms as national would do his speech The idea of reform is national efficiency the watchwords are reform associations the arrows are the spread of good customs and the dragons out of banishments the warriors are the enlightened men the war is for Dharma the fields are such conferences and the other defeats is providential but as we know there is a Providence guiding our destinies to unimagined glories in the coming years so sure it is that the endeavour to promote national Progress should succeed

The President elect was formally conducted to the chair by Mr Ramachandrarow in a very patriotic speech and was seconded by Messrs. Sreeramamurty G Prasada Rao and Chinnachi Bhimasankaram of obligatory Referring to custom he deprecated the supremacy that European Judges gave it over Smrithi and attributed it to the insufficiency of their knowledge of the spirit of the shastras He said that there can be no custom in favour of doing a thing but not in favour of abstaining from doing it Incidentally he referred to the absurdity of the conclusions of a pamphlet on foreign travel recently promulgated by the Virupksha pithum He invited pandits to a reasonable argument on social matters but if caring for their own personal gain they threatened not to join us he said he would go the length of preaching a boycott of them in society and quoted shastrum in favour of such ostracism For the welfare of society he said shastras advocated ostracism of individuals who refused deliberately to contribute to it

The proceeding closed for the evening

MYSORE AND STATE LIBRARIES

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDIAN MIRROR]

Sir—I learn with regret that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore cannot see a way to sanction my suggestion of opening State Libraries in all Taluk Districts Head quarters of the Province for the fashion of state Libraries of Baroda My suggestion was based on the pronouncement of an exceptionally able administrator and Ruler of one if not the most progressive States in India and on the expert opinion of one of the most recognised authorities on Political Economy

Professor Stanley Jevons says in his excellent primer on Political economy on the utility of Public Libraries

Public Libraries Museums picture galleries and like institutions all multiply in utility and the cost of such institutions is little or nothing compared with their usefulness His Highness the Gaekwar also says Libraries are considered so important in the West that it is one of the duties of the state to maintain some It is a pity that the Government of Mysore in considering my scheme have not taken that broad and liberal view of the question but I feel convinced that if His Highness had gone into the question personally instead of his Secretaries or advisors he would have gladly followed in the wake of Baroda and would have instructed his Government to adopt the measures taken by the Baroda Government to establish numerous Libraries throughout the state Now that His Highness has thought it fit in the interests and welfare of his subjects, to add one more institution in the creation of the Advisory Council to the constitution of his state may I take the liberty to request some non official Legislative Council member now on the Advisory Council who is interested in the cause of diffusion of Education to moot this question in that body so that the advisability *of starting* State Libraries may be discussed from all points of view and let that body submit its opinion *to* His Highness for consideration *Re* this question I am glad to note that the First Councillor is well disposed towards it

31 5 1911 B K VENKATACHAR

TANGACHERRY —III

A TINY BRITISH SETTLEMENT

From all that I can gather the Tanga cherry inhabitants cannot yet reconcile themselves to this imposition and periodi cally plead poverty and inability to pay There can be no doubt that the inhabitants are very poor and many of them are unable to pay for the education of their children but this is so chiefly because the peopleof the settlement are unable to forget their origin and because their standard of living and ideas of comfort are so high as to be hardly commensurate with their income There are undoubtedly some families in Tangacherry who are direct and legitimate descendants of Portuguese or Dutch ances tors but on the other hand there are people bearing Portuguese names who have no legitimate right or title to them and who cannot be diff rentiated from Christian natives of the soil On this account chiefly the well to do Eurasian communities in other towns in Travancore as a rule have no social intercours with TangacherryEurasians who are *as a whole* somewhat behind theirEurasian neighbours in Cochin and Trevandrum in education and general progress I mention this here as a simple fact with no idea whatever of depreca ting the respectable inhabitants of Tangacherry As remarked in this paper before the new generation of Tangacherry Eurasians is inspired with progressive ideas and many of these have already found success in the wider field of British Indian competition When the Tinnevelly Quilon Railway reaches completion in two or three years time from now this little settlement will be more in touch with the Presidency of which it forms a part and if the Harbour —mentioned in the Government of India s letter quoted above as being a wish of the Travancore Durbar—becomes a *fait ac compli*—a great future awaits Quilon and with it Tangacherry The late Mr Rama ngar who was Dewan of Travancore in 884 had many schemes for he good of travancore in his head and among them was the opening of a harbour at Quilon In his connec ion it is worthy of mention hat at the U P A S I Annual Meeting st year Mr Hockin complained of the want of a good harbour on the West Coast of India and among other ports that of Quilon was mentioned by more than one Madras Journal in the discussion that ollowed as possessing great possibilities as a good harbour But I have been vandering from my text Tangacherry ind I must before closing this article give a brief description of some remains still to be noticed There are one or two old churches which are of some nterest one having been erected in 1841 by the Archbishop of Cranganore Don Manuel De Sam Jcquim Neves in which repose the bodily remains of that prelate A very much older church was built in 1789 or just a century ago Just south of the old flagstaff which stands no longer are the British and Dutch cemeteries and the Portuguese cemetery The former is carefully looked after and both con ain some interesting tombs Many of the inscriptions are fast becoming illegible owing to the disintegrating influence of

a Resident should have been stationed there it is impossible to say Probably he was a commercial representative to carry on negotiations with the 2 that time powerful Poligar Princes of Tinnevelly and Madura who have their modern represen tatives among the Zemindars of those Districts The Vans Palls are still well known on the West Coast and there is tradition among them that a great fortune await the Vans Pall who has the ability to prove his descent (to the Dutch Government in Europe) from the original Vans Pall who was Governor of the Dutch possessions in Cochin Like other once celebrated families the Vans Palls now are very poor and that fortune if a fact will probably never be claimed The stranger visiting Tangacherry sees nothing but a few old tombs a crumbling wall a dense popula tion of Eurasians and Native Christians and a grand seascape and that is all but many memories cluster around it It has undoubtedly been the theatre of many stir ring events and has experienced the sway of three great nations of Europe it has doubtless dictated terms to the surround ing Native princes it has heard the thunder of cannon and its walls have echoed to the trumpet call over its ram parts have waved the Portuguese and Dutch flags and under the shadow of the Union Jack it now remains contented and happy The sun was setting in one of clouded blaze of living light one even when standing on the highest part of the old fort wall I looked on the living in the snaps of the Convent children full of hope for the future playing hide and seak among the nooks and corners of the rugged rock which protects Tangacherry from further invasion by the sea— the dead in the cemetery hard by and their work the long line of crumbling wall and ruined masonry The sun sunk a chill breeze crept over the wa and while I still gazed westwards a swift darkness enveloped me as the dist Angelus bell sounded as it perhaps some three centuries ago reminding the people of their evening devotions The pomp power the pride of martial life the stren of man and all his works had passed out of sight leaving nought but memories (being buried in complete oblivion) and worship of that Awful Disposer of ev who alone remains while the glory of earth vanisheth away

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INDIAN WOMEN

INDUSTRIES

[To the Editor of the Indian Patri Sir —I have been reading in your valuable now and then some letters regarding Home I tries to our Hindu females But I have not that such industries are s arted anywhere Telugu Districts

I beg to suggest to my countrymen to sta Industrial Home for Hindu ladies somewh the Northern Circars in the name of our Mary which I think is a great honor to our C as we poor telugu people cannot do any when they come to Delhi Durbar

If this is done I hope many helpless fe incl di g widows can live by the industries learn in the Home As there are schools in the Telugu Districts elderly ladies can study and b teachers in this Home general education may be given and I am sure that many w will join as our benign Madras Government offered decent scholarships f

Among the Societies

" One of our Indian friends, Mr B K Venkata Char, is interesting himself in the promotion of free state libraries in India and he has recently written to H H the Maharajah of Mysore to take action so far as his own State is concerned Baroda owns about 2500 libraries and our correspondent urges that similar state libraries should be established in every District We gather from the Mysore Times that "the number of public libraries in addition to those attached to schools and colleges is only three so that the need is evident We wish Mr Char success in his campaign "

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No 1394-11 OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

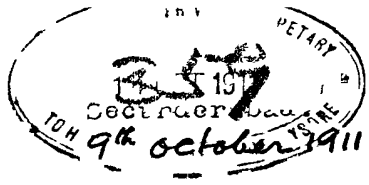
Dated Mysore, 18th Octr 1911.

Petition No 359 dated 9th October 1911, from B I Venkata Char, C/o B Krishna Iyengar Solicitor, Secundrabad, Deccan, is forwarded with compliments to the Dewan of Mysore, Mysore, with reference to this Office No 239 dated 18-7-1911

By Order,

I C S,

Private Secretary



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To,

His Highness Maharaja Sri Krishna Raja Wodeyar Bahadur,

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MYSORE

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May it please Your Highness,

I most humbly and respectfully beg leave to draw Your Highness most gracious and very kind attention to my memorial of 8th July 1911 regarding suggestion of introducing State Libraries throughout Your Highness Province and offering my humble services in connection therewith

Awaiting the favour of Your Highness commands in connection with the above

I beg to remain

Your Highness' most obedient servant

B K Venkata Char

C/o B Krishna Iyengar

Solicitor

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GOVERNMENT OF H H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Education)

Office Memorandum

To Mr B K Venkatachar, C/o Mr. B Krishna Iyengar, Scholar, Secunderabad

the 24-11- 1911

With reference to his petition dtd 9th July 1911 addressed to HH the Maharaja of Mysore appealing against the Govt order declining to sanction his prayer for a scholarship to enable him to study in the Library class at Baroda and for subsequent employment in the State, for establishing public libraries, Mr B K Venkatachar is informed that the subject of establishing public libraries will receive the attention

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